

MARICOPA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTE BOOK

May 16, 2002

The Board of Directors of the Library District of Maricopa County, Arizona, convened at 9:00 a.m., May 16, 2002, in the Sullivan Conference Room, Tenth Floor, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman; Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman; Andy Kunasek, Max W. Wilson, Mary Rose Wilcox, Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; and Alma Hernandez, Administrative Coordinator. Also present: David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

PRESENTATION AND ACTION: MARICOPA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FY 2002-2003 THROUGH FY 2006-2007

Item: Approve or amend the recommended Maricopa County Library District Five-year Capital Improvement Program (FY 2002-2003 through FY 2006-2007). The recommended CIP includes funding from the Library District Fund 440, which is funded from the Library District Secondary Property Tax. The revenues and expenditures for the first year of the five-year Capital Improvement Program will be included in the recommended FY 2002-2003 annual budget for the Library District, if funding allows. If funding or priorities change, the Board may need to amend the Capital Improvement Program to align with the FY 2002-2003 Tentative or Final Budgets when they are adopted. (C49020468) (ADM2800)

Harry Courtright, Director, Library District, presented the proposal to proceed with the new Library District administration building to be located on the southeast corner of Union Hills and the Squaw Peak Parkway (SR 51). This project would house the Library District's administration, outreach and information technology functions. The land would be purchased from the Parks and Recreation Department who currently owns it. Office space would also be made available at this facility to house personnel from the Flood Control District and Planning & Development. The total budget request for this project is \$2.5 million.

Chairman Stapley expressed concern that the site was not centrally located. Mr. Courtright explained that the site was easily accessible from the Squaw Peak Parkway and the Loop 101 Freeway, and that the Bookmobile would continue servicing the outlying areas such as Mesa and Queen Creek.

Director Wilcox asked what was planned for the building that currently houses the administrative offices on North 32nd Street. Mr. Courtright stated that the City of Phoenix has expressed interest in the building, as have several County departments.

Director Wilcox also expressed her concern about the distance this location would be from the west valley, to which Mr. Courtright reiterated that the Loop 101 Freeway would provide a direct route to the new location.

Director Kunasek stated that the City of Phoenix was interested in purchasing the 60,000 square foot facility for programs such as a small library, senior center and other activities that would serve the neighborhood, however, Chairman Stapley expressed his desire to maintain this facility for County purposes.

Mr. Courtright reported that the current building on 32nd Street costs \$2.5 million to operate as a library and administration building. The operating costs for the new building are anticipated to be about \$85,000 annually, and would be processed as a cost transfer. Therefore, the closure or transfer of the administration building would realize considerable savings. A portion of those savings would be used for a new facility to be built in the community of Anthem. The Library District is working in partnership with the Deer Valley School District to build a 25,000 square foot library to be owned by the school district, but operated by

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Library District. Operational costs for this facility would be about \$1 million. Mr. Courtright added that the closure of the

building would not mean that anyone currently on staff would lose their job; staff would either be transferred to other facilities or move to the new facility.

Director Kunasek solicited Director Wilcox to assist in finalizing a proposal to the City of Phoenix for the old building. He also commented on the efficacy of the agreement to build a library at Anthem utilizing impact fees to pay the portion not funded through the school district for the new facility.

Motion was made by Director Kunasek, seconded by Director Wilcox, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the item as recommended.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Don Stapley, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Official Record Keeper